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SUBJECT: ITALY TO COORDINATE AT EU LEVEL INTERNATIONAL
MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO) LRIT PROPOSAL

REF: A. ROME 001530; B. STATE 077507

1. The Government of Italy has transmitted to the Embassy a diplomatic note dated May 5 in response to Embassy Rome's diplomatic note (ref A) requesting the GOI position on the IMO long-range information and tracking of ships proposal (ref B). Italy will coordinate its position with other EU Member States during an upcoming meeting of the EU Maritime Safety Committee. Informal translation follows.

2. BEGIN INFORMAL TRANSLATION

"The Directorate General for Economic and Financial Multilateral Cooperation of the Italian Foreign Ministry presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America, and has the honor to refer to Note No. 361, dated May 3, 2005, which was thoughtfully considered.

The subject to which your Embassy referred, the adoption of an amendment to Chapter XI-2 of the "Safety of Life at Sea - SOLAS" Convention, with regard to Long-range Identification and Tracking (LRIT) of vessels, as indicated in the Maritime Safety Committee MSC 80/3/3 documentation, is an issue to be coordinated among EU Member States. As a result, our Italian Delegation will present the text of your note at the upcoming meeting of the EU Maritime Safety Committee in London and indicate that it should be taken under consideration and coordinated with the EU. Courtesy close."

END INFORMAL TRANSLATION

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